

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; on November 7, 1785, the Reverend Samson Occom, a member of the Mohegan nation and a co-founder of the Brothertown Indians, recorded in his journal that "we proceeded to form into a body politick; we named our town by name of Brothertown, in Indian *Eeyamquittoowauconnuck*"; and

*WHEREAS*: elected in accordance with the Brothertown Indian Constitution, the Brothertown Indian Nation Council is the governing body of the Brothertown Indians; and

*WHEREAS*; it is the duty and privilege of the Brothertown Indian Nation Council to act as guardians of the Nation's sovereignty and to advocate for the welfare of its people; and

*WHEREAS*; it is critical that the Brothertown Indian Nation Council honor those generations that have come before and ensure that the history and teachings of the Nation are preserved and shared with future generations; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the Brothertown Indian Nation Council and all Tribal members in celebrating this anniversary, which serves as an important expression of the inherent sovereignty of the Brothertown Indians;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2020, as

## EEYAMQUITTOOWAUCONNUCK (BROTHERTOWN) DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

